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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MUKUND ET AL.

Examiner

David H. Malzahn

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 June 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujimura et al (Fujimura).

Fujimura's Fig. 3 clearly show a method of shifting an operand by receiving an operand (a[31:0]), determining a shift value (S0-S2), shifting the operand (shifter 71), outputting (the feeding of the shifter 71 output to the next stage), repeating (shifters 12 and 13) and processing the operand (in Fig. 8 note that the output of the shifter may be processed by the file register and the execution unit).

3. Claims 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mason et al (Mason).

Mason's Fig. 1 clearly illustrates a method for transparently presenting different size operands to be processed by providing a first operand having a first bit-width (e.g. the fraction illustrated in Fig. 2B), determining a bit width of a second operand (e.g. the fraction illustrated in Fig. 2A), transforming the first operand (operand align units 102 and 104 of Fig. 1), padding the bits (note the zeros on Fig. 2B) and transmitting (the feeding of the output of the align units to the execution unit).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 3-6 and 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mason and Fujimura.

Mason's Fig 1 illustrates a processor with an input socket (the line labeled TO/FROM DATA CACHE), a transform unit (file register, 100), an ALU including an adder (FLAU and FMULT), an alignment block (align units 102 and 104), and a bus (the lines connecting the above recited elements). The claims only differ from Mason in that a parallel connected shifter is not explicitly shown as included in the ALU. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include a parallel connected shifter

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in the ALU of Mason because Fujimura explicitly teaches the inclusion of a parallel connected shifter in an ALU.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. Claims 3-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 3, line 3: the word “aligning” lacks meaning because a reference is lacking. The steps of claim 6 fail to be clearly related to the “padding” step of claim 4. Similarly note claims 12 and 8. The phrases “the shifted”, claim 6, line 4; “the four stages”, claim 7, line 1 and “the transformed operand”, claim 8, line 9; lack clear antecedent basis. In claims 6 and 13 it appears the “least” should be “most”.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 20 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Specification

9. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Malzahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-3727.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 7:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-ai An, can be reached on 571-272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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